GASHAAAN (CLATTER)

DAM-MIT...

WE'RE TOO LATE...!?

06 >> MEKAKUSHI CHORD III

KOFF!

KOFF!

!!

GUI (GRAB)

HEY!

BA (FWIP)

PAN

PAN

PAN (BANG)

TA (DASH)

DO (WHUNK)

GUH...!!

GATA

GATA

GATA (SHIVER)

HEY! YOU OKAY?

I-I THINK SO...! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MARIE-CHAN!?

CALM DOWN, MARIE! IT'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT.

THEY HAVEN'T NOTICED US OVER HERE.

ZAWA

ZAWA (MURMUR)

ZAWA

BUT...

THEY'RE WELL-TRAINED AND PROBABLY HAVE EVERY-THING PLANNED OUT.

I CAN ONLY ASSUME THEY INTEND TO TAKE EVERYONE ON THIS FLOOR HOSTAGE...

GREAT... WE'RE PROBABLY DEALING WITH TERRORISTS.

MY BROTHER WAS ON THIS FLOOR.

WHICH MEANS RIGHT NOW HE'S PROBABLY...

FURA (SWAY)

ONII-CHAN...

HOLD IT!!

WHY IS ALL OF THIS HAPPENING!?

HE MAY BE THAT KIND OF BROTHER, BUT HE'S STILL THE ONLY ONE I HAVE!

.....!

KANO WENT OVER THERE TO FIND HIM, REMEMBER?

GASHI (GRAB)

IF YOU GO TOO, YOU'RE JUST GONNA GET CAUGHT!!

BUT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO MY BIG BROTHER ...!

BUT...

PORO (DRIP)

NO...

THERE'S NO POINT JUMPING IN UNLESS THE SITUATION CHANGES, RIGHT?

THAT THEY'RE TAKING THEM HOSTAGE MEANS THEY AREN'T GOING TO JUST KILL THEM.

KISARAGI! YOU'VE GOT TO STAY CALM FOR ME.

I'M...

SORRY...

GUSHI

R-RIGHT...

GUSHI (WIPE)

SO WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW...?

AGH...!

EEP...!

BIKU (FLINCH)

GUUU (VRRRRR)

I CAN HEAR VOICES FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SHUTTERS.

IT MUST BE THE POLICE.

OH MAN... IF THIS KEEPS UP, WE'LL ALL...

A...A TEXT?

WHA ...?

GOSO (RSTL)

SU (FWIP)

TCH...

UM...SO WHO'S IT FROM?

.....HUH?

KYOTON (STUNNED)

AH!

...FROM THAT IDIOT...

PASHI (SNATCH)

POI (TOSS)

All ok here.
Things still cool
where u all are?

Were lined up and
sittin on the floor!
First hostage
experience evarrr!
lolllll

SU
(FWIP)

LET'S
SEE...OH,
IT'S FROM
KANO-SAN!?
UM...

Subject:
Got caught!

O yeah! And
Kisaragis bro
is here too!

Totes next to me!

Got selfie to
prove it!

Lates mates from da
other siiiiiide.

...HOW IS HE TYPING ON HIS CELL PHONE IF HE'S BEEN CAUGHT?

THE TERRORISTS MUST'VE THOUGHT HE WAS TOO BIG AN IDIOT TO WASTE THE TAPE ON BINDING HIS HANDS.

IS HE... IS HE IN TROUBLE?

UH, K-KIDO...?

PRETTY MUCH. HE'S BEYOND HELP...

BOSS, IS...IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIS HEAD, OR...?

TROUBLE? HE'S MENTALLY UNSTABLE.

I NEED TO TAKE HIM TO A DOCTOR FOR A LOBOTOMY.

BUT KANO'S HAVING SO MUCH FUN!

I THINK...

...THIS IS STILL A PRETTY BAD SITUATION...

SO, UH... BOSS...?

.....

BUT...

THIS IS GETTING SO SILLY.

WHAT ...?

KANO'S BOUND UP WITH THE REST. OR AT LEAST, IT LOOKS THAT WAY TO EVERYONE ELSE.

...REALLY, THOUGH. WHY ISN'T HE TIED UP?

STUPID OR NOT, THEY'D STILL TIE HIM UP.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?

WAIT... WHAT ...?

HYOKO (ZOOP) ひょこ

OOH, SO HE'S DISGUISED HIMSELF AGAIN?

BASICALLY, HE HAS WHAT WE CALL "DECEIVING EYES."

IF MY ABILITY IS TO GO "INVISI-BLE"...

...THEN HIS IS TO "APPEAR DIFFERENTLY" FROM WHAT HE ACTUALLY IS.

ACK!

THAT'S SUCH A CUTE EXAMPLE, KIDO!

AW!

IMAGINE YOU FOUND A KITTEN ON THE STREET. BUT YOU TAKE IT HOME AND—WHOOPS! IT'S ACTUALLY A ROTTWEILER. IT'S KIND OF LIKE THAT.

BUT... HOW DOES THAT EVEN...?

SO HE CAN MAKE... OPTICAL ILLUSIONS ...?

W- WE'RE NOT GETTING ANY PETS...

NO, I... QUIT IT, MARIE.

HUH?

BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE MUCH RANGE. HE CAN ONLY DO IT ON HIMSELF.

YEAH, THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH.

BUT... DID HE NOT WANT US TO NOTICE, OR...?

WOW... HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS JUST WALKING ALONG WITH US...

REMEMBER OUR WALK HERE? HE DIDN'T LOOK IT, BUT HE WAS ACTUALLY RUNNING LOOKOUT THE WHOLE TIME.

KANO-SAN... GRINNING EAR TO EAR LIKE THAT MAKES YOU LOOK SO STUPID...

YEAH...

HE'S A TOTAL IDIOT...

...STILL, THOUGH...

BUT THEN AGAIN ...

HIS SILLY ANTICS HAVE HELPED MARIE-CHAN AND ME CALM DOWN, I GUESS...

MAYBE HE'S ACTUALLY PRETTY CAPABLE.

HMM?

I GUESS HE'S EVEN MORE UNLUCKY THAN I AM.

FOR THIS TO BE THE FIRST THING HE SEES AFTER TWO YEARS IN HIS ROOM...

AND MEAN-WHILE... ALL MY BROTHER DOES IS MAKE ME WORRY!

"SEE" ...?

WITH YOUR "CONCEAL-ING EYES" AND MY...

HUH? WHAT ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT ...?

BUTSU

BUTSU (MUTTER)

OH...

OHH...!!

HM? WHAT'S UP?

SU (SSK)

LISTEN, BOSS... I'M NOT TOTALLY SURE...

...BUT I THINK WE'VE GOT A CHANCE...

...TO BEAT THESE GUYS...!

Well—

After-noon, coppers. Thanks for coming.

HM? SURE, BUT...

CAN I BORROW YOUR PHONE? I WANT TO BRAINSTORM IN TEXT A LITTLE MORE.

BIKU (FLINCH)

.....WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I'm only gonna say this once, so pay atten-tion.

Basically, we have just one demand—

IS THAT THE TERRORISTS? WHAT DO THEY...?

GOKURI (GULP)

UH, WELL... IT'S KIND OF HARD TO PUT INTO WORDS...

The hand-off...

WELL, PFFT.

We want one billion yen within thirty minutes.

HEY, UH, HOW MUCH IS ONE BILLION?

DODOON (BABAM)

IT'S LIKE *A CHILD'S IDEA OF A REALLY BIG PILE OF MONEY.*

ONE BILLION DOES SOUND A LITTLE STUPID, DOESN'T IT?

A ONE-BILLION-YEN RANSOM...? MAN, THESE GUYS ARE PRETTY DUMB TOO.

DOON (BAM)

ZUDOON (BABOOM)

SO THE BOSS HAS *"CONCEALING EYES"*...

AND I HAVE MY *"DRAWING EYES"*...

FORGET THAT!

GIMME A SEC TO FIGURE THIS OUT...

THOSE FLOWERS YOU MAKE ARE FIVE YEN EACH, RIGHT? IMAGINE YOU MADE TWO A DAY. THEN DID THAT FOR THE NEXT ONE HUNDRED MILLION DAYS.

?

BA (FWOOM)

YEAH! I THINK THIS COULD WORK! ALL SET!!

THEN, WITH MARIE-CHAN'S "LOCKING EYES"...

...UH, HANG ON.

WHO'S THIS WEIRD GIRL YOU HAVE SHOWING UP MID-WAY!?

UH, IT'S SOMEONE I KNOW, AND...

WELL, IT'S JUST LIKE IT'S WRITTEN DOWN, SO...

OOH, THAT'S MY NAME AT THE END!!

MM-HMM, HMM...

HUH...

SU (SHP)

THIS IS THE BEST PLAN I CAN THINK OF RIGHT NOW...

AND SHE'LL ACTUALLY DO THAT...?

SHE WILL...OR SHOULD... PROBA-BLY...

B-BUT THAT'S WHAT I WANT KANO-SAN TO CHECK ON!

SO IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I TEXT THIS TO HIM...?

...ASSUM-ING SHE'S ACTUALLY THERE, THEN MAYBE...

HUH?

.....

—NO...

THIS IS A GOOD PLAN. ASSUMING SHE'S REALLY THERE, I MEAN.

IT MIGHT BE THE ONLY COURSE OF ACTION WE HAVE RIGHT NOW.

...GREAT!

THANKS A LOT, BOSS!

...NOT BAD, ROOKIE.

GU (CLENCH)

I'LL TRY TO BE READY!!

O-OKAY!

GOT IT!

HEY, UM... SO WHAT ARE WE DOING...?

HERE, UH... LET ME SEND THIS...!

...?

I'LL GIVE YOU A SIGNAL! SO JUST STICK CLOSE UNTIL THEN!

OH, MARIE-CHAN... WELL, UH...

NO...

...BUT THIS IS GOING TO WORK...

I'M NOT TOTALLY CONFIDENT ABOUT A LOT OF THIS...

VUU (VRRR)

KANO-SAN JUST REPLIED.....

WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO MAKE IT WORK!

Subject: Fun!

Kisaragi-chan
I luv it!!!!!
I think the girls
here too!

LMM...

WHAT'D HE SAY?

Everythings ok here, I got a few more shots of—

DELETE THIS TEXT?

YES

NO

PON CLICK

I know cuz I hear her voice talkin and I think I luv her! Shes a keeper!!

WHEW...

Ill check for sure but can u get closer w/o gettin caught?

ZA

SURE, IF WE DON'T BUMP INTO ANY-ONE.

BUT—

YOU THINK WE'LL BE SAFE IF WE TRY GETTING CLOSER?

ZA (SKFF)

YEAH? GOOD.

SU (FWP)

I THINK IT'S ALL GOOD ON HIS END.

THIS IS IT.

TIME TO START!

ZA CLOOMD

THEY'RE ARMED.

KEEP A SHARP LOOK-OUT.

LET'S GO.

RIGHT!

YOU OKAY, MARIE-CHAN? NOT SCARED OR ANYTHING?

NOPE!

WE CAME HERE TO GO SHOPPING, AFTER ALL.

WE CAN'T LET THEM DO THIS TO US...

I WANNA BEAT THESE BAD GUYS TOO!!

I HAVE TO SEE THIS WHOLE OPERATION THROUGH!!!

I'M FINALLY JUST ABOUT TO MAKE SOME REAL FRIENDS HERE...

SHE'S RIGHT.

MARIE-CHAN...

AND THAT IDIOT.

THERE'S YOUR BROTHER, KISARAGI...

AH.

OH!

...MARIE, WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

HM. GUESS YOU REALLY ARE SIB-LINGS, HUH?

I HAVE A FEELING HE'S THINKING THE SAME THING I AM.

HE'S USUALLY A MASSIVE WIMP, BUT HE LOOKS SO CONFIDENT NOW...

LOOK AT MY BROTHER... ALL SERIOUS LIKE THAT...

AND STOP GRINNING.

AT LEAST TRY TO HIDE A LITTLE, DUMB-ASS...

BIYAAAAN (WHIRRRRR)

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UH, I THOUGHT THIS LOOKED REALLY NEAT, SO...!

A HANDHELD MASSAGER ...?

...YEAH, GREAT. PUT IT BACK LATER, OKAY...?

SURE! I'LL PUT IT RIGHT BACK!

コクリ KOKU (NOD)

BOSS...

...THAT'S THEIR LEADER, ISN'T IT?

YEAH, IT'S GOTTA BE.

THAT BEARD MAKES HIM SEEM POSITIVELY DERANGED.

DAMN! THIS WAITIN' AROUND IS THE WORST!!

YOU THINK I SHOULDA SAID FIFTEEN MINUTES?

IT'S ONLY A LITTLE LONGER, SIR...

GUI (TRIP)

?

DOESN'T LOOK TOO SMART.

IS THAT THE FREAK WHO MADE THOSE DEMANDS OVER THE P.A.?

OOPS ...

THE CORD'S TANGLED UP...

WAH...

AH...

AAAAAGH!!!!

GOCHIIIN
CRAAACK

NGH!?

KUH!

TA
(DASH)

WHO...

BA
(SNATCH)

PANT!
HFF!
YOU...
HAFF!
WHEEZE!
WHOA, WAIT... I DIDN'T DO IT...
URGH!
DOKA (WHACK)
!!!
HUH !!!?
WHO THE HELL YOU THINK YOU'RE PUNCHING IN THE HEAD!!?
BOGU (SLAM)
I THOUGHT FOR SURE WE WERE DEAD... IS THIS REALLY GONNA WORK?
HAAH...
KUA (SNARL)
ARE YOU STUPID!? DO YOU WANT TO GET US KILLED!?
I-I'M SORRY...!!
EEP...!
BIKU (FLINCH)
I think were good~
Your bro just said 100% sure of takedown if he get a chance!!!!
Some dude huh!? 0 and lololol guyzzz that was sweeeet!!!
OH... IT'S KANO-SAN...
VUU (VRRR)
VUU

ALL RIGHT... I'M READY...!

MARIE, STAY WITH ME UNTIL I SAY IT'S OKAY, ALL RIGHT?

LET'S KEEP THIS OPERATION GOING!

UH? OH!

ALL RIGHT...!

This is startin to be boring... wanna go home...

O I told ur bro to wait til beerd dude starts talkin again so

I THINK IT'S ALL GOOD OVER THERE.

WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN DO THIS!

BUT I THINK WE CAN DO THIS...

NO...

WE WON'T HAVE A VERY BIG WINDOW...

WHAT!?

I'm taking ten minutes off the deadline for the money.

Hey... You guys hearing me?

ZAWA (KRZZT)

!!!

C'MON, MARIE! HURRY!

HUH...!? HE'S TOO EARLY .....!

THIS IS BAD... HE'S SENDING ANOTHER MESSAGE !?

BA (WHOOSH)

GASHI (GRAB)

HEY!!

O—

ONII—

BA (RUSH)

...!!

SHE'S RIGHT, BUT.....

YOU CAN'T GO RUNNING IN BY YOURSELF!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS HOW WE'RE TIMING THIS THING!

I DON'T REALLY GET IT...

...BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT.

HUH...?

SU (SSK)

BUT MY BROTHER .....!

GU (SQUEEZE)

KI...

KISA-RAGI!

...THIS IS GOING TO WORK!!

DOKUN (BADUM)

DOKUN

DOKUN